

**MENOMINEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 5:00 P.M.  
MTE FORESTRY CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM**

**1. Roll Call and Call to Order:**

Ex Officio Chairman Douglas Cox called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm with a full quorum. MEMBERS PRESENT: Douglas Cox, Gary Frechette, Alexander Menore Sr., Kirk Menore, Melissa Pitzl, Jonathan Pyatskowit, and Darren Zhuckkahosee. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. ALSO PRESENT: Donald Waukechon (Conservation Warden), Walter Cox (Conservation Director), and Briana Ninham (Recorder).

**2. Moment of Silence.**

A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Public Comment Period.**

There were no public comments.

**4. Organizational**

- **Election of Officers**

Chairman

**Motion made by Melissa Pitzl to nominate Jonathan Pyatskowit for Chairman.**

**Motion made by Darren Zhuckkahosee to nominate Douglas Cox for Chairman.**

By majority vote Jonathan Pyatskowit was named Chairman.

Please note Douglas Cox turned the meeting over to Jonathan Pyatskowit.

Vice Chairman

**Motion made by Douglas Cox to nominate Gary Frechette for Vice Chairman.**

**Motion made by Kirk Menore to nominate Melissa Pitzl for Vice Chairman.**

By majority vote Gary Frechette was named Vice Chairman.

Secretary

**Motion made by Gary Frechette to nominate Darren Zhuckkahosee for Secretary.**

**Motion made by Kirk Menore to nominate Kirk Menore for Secretary.**

By majority vote Kirk Menore was named Secretary.

- **Stager of Terms for new members**

The commissioners draw numbers to see which terms they would be serving on the commission.

Gary Frechette- 3 years

Kirk Menore- 3 years

Darren Zhuckkahosee- 1  
year

Alexander Menore Sr. - 2  
years

Melissa Pitzl- 2 years

Jonathan Pyatskowit- 1  
year

## **5. Orientation**

The Commission went over various documents and answered any questions that they may have had.

- **Robert's Rules of Order**

Douglas Cox stated that the Robert's Ruled of Order was implemented to help to resolve any disputes that the Commission may have.

- **Conservation Commission By-Laws**

Douglas Cox stated that the Legislature tasked the Commission with creating there own by-laws and code of ethics.

Melissa Pitzl stated that she would like to see the motion where the Legislature approved the Commission's by-laws and code of ethics.

The Commission agreed that the day that would work out best for meeting dates would be to continue with the first Monday of every month.

**Motion made by Douglas Cox to change by-law language location of the meeting place from the Tribal Board Room to the Menominee Forestry Center Board Room. Second was made by Alexander Menore Sr. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstentions (Melissa Pitzl), 0-absent. Motion carried.**

Page 3 section 9: Annual Meeting

**Motion made by Darren Zhuckkahosee to have the Annual Conservation Commission meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in April at 5:00 pm. Second was made by Gary Frechette. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstained, 0-absent. Motion carried.**

Page 4, Article III, Section 2, Item B: Meeting Procedure

Douglas Cox stated that the reason why this excerpt is in the by-laws is because it was based on the ability of the Commission to put rules in place that would not be as rigid as Robert's Rules of Order. He stated that each month on the agenda there would be Rules for the Meeting item and at that time it would give the Commission members the chance to voice their opinion on the rules for the meeting. He stated that timing was the main issue at the meetings; this item gave the Commission the right to adopt rules based on the circumstances, which would have been kept less rigid.

Melissa Pitzl stated that she had a concern regarding the excerpt would encompass the ability to add agenda items to the agenda, which she stated that she had witnessed by the Commission prior, and stated that she is aware that there are many people in the community who are involved with the Conservation issues and that they would like to know what is on the agenda before hand. She stated that she is uncomfortable with the language as is, unless there is an amendment to the section that would include "being in accordance with all Legislative posting ordinances".

Jonathan Pyatskowitz stated he feels that agenda items that need to be brought forward would have to be posted accordingly to the posting ordinance and that only business of immediate nature that is time sensitive shall be taken up under other business. He stated that he would like for the Commission to only stick to items on the agenda.

Page 4, Article III, Section 3, Item 2: Public Comment

Jonathan Pyatskowitz stated that he wanted to know if the Commission wanted to spell out the time in the by-laws rather than making a motion every time according to the excerpt.

Douglas Cox stated the maximum amount of time that the Commission used for the public comment period was three (3) minutes per public comment period and per agenda item.

Melissa Pitzl stated that she had a concern regarding the section and that she feels that the public comment period should be laid out in the by-laws for the community and feels that it is unfair for it to be determined by the Commission at every meeting of the amount of time for the community to speak. She also mentioned that the prior Commission wanted to model the public comment period after the Legislative public comment period, and that recently it had change to five (5) minutes for the public to comment during then.

Darren Zhuckkahosee stated that he feels that three (3) minutes is lengthily enough for a person to speak, especially if there is a lot of people who maybe present at the meeting. He also made mention that it also up to the discretion of the Chairman of Commission if he wants to have the person continue on talking past the three (3) minutes they were permitted.

Douglas Cox stated that he feels that Article III, Section 3, Part 2 should not be omitted because that describes how the public would interact with the commission in regards to discussion and informal business. He stated the he feels the Commission should be able to discuss the item in entirely before the public is able to add their comments.

**Motion made by Melissa Pitzl to put under Article III, Section 3: Public Comment, to allow community members during public and during agenda items up to five (5) minutes to speak per piece and to omit Article III, Section 3, Part 2 and to have in its place to have public comment speakers have up to five (5) minutes to speak on any agenda item to allow the people to have a voice. Second was made by Kirk Menore. MOTION WITHDRAWN**

Darren Zhuckkahosee stated that he under part 2 that if a motion would be made it should state accordingly to how many people are in attendance at the meeting.

Jonathan Pyatskowitz suggested that the Commission set a maximum length in order to address some of the concerns the community may have. If there is a great amount of people in attendance at the meeting he suggested that it would be in the best interest to shorten up the time length of the public comments.

**Motion made by Melissa Pitzl to amend Article III Section 3 item 2 for it say the Commission shall allow any Tribal Member public comment in the public comment period or any agenda item to allow up to five (5) minutes for speak time. Second was made by Kirk Menore. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 2-for, 4-oppsed, 0-abstentions, and 0-absent. Motion Defeated.**

Jonathan Pyatskowit stated that he will work on the changes of the by-laws and will have the document ready by the next meeting.

- **Conservation Commission Code of Ethics**

The commission stated that they would like to make sure that at the next meeting if a copy of the motion from MTL or past meeting minutes indicate that the Code of Ethics were approved.

Page 1, Section II. Part A.

Melissa Pitzl stated that she had a question regarding the section if it would include any other laws (Tribal and state) and not just Conservations laws, for individuals that were charged with any criminal charges while on the Commission. She stated that she feels that should be some type of language in the code of ethics be implemented that would have some repercussions to the individual who violated not only conservation laws but also and criminal tribal laws.

Douglas Cox stated that the joint meeting with the ERP committee and the Conservation Commission stated that they omitted the language of not setting other laws that were charged to the serving member on the commission.

Jonathan Pyatskowit stated that it was in the ERP committee interest to add other laws as well as the conservation laws, but it was the Conservation Ad-Hoc that omitted the language. He also stated that the issue will be covered under ordinance 99-01 under the removal of commissioners.

Please note the Commission took a short break at 6:30 pm and resumed the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Page 2. Section II Part I

**Motion made by Melissa Pitzl that under MCC Code of Ethics Section II part I the last seven (7) words get omitted (started with “and”) Second was made by Douglas Cox. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for. 0-opposed, 0-abstained, and 0-absent. Motion carried.**

## **6. Other Business**

Douglas Cox stated that the Conservation Commission annual joint meeting with the Menominee Legislature should be set sometime in August, he also updated Jonathan Pyatskowit on some of the issues that he was working with while chairman of the Commission, which would include the Lake Sturgeon Management Team, Tag issues, and jurisdiction of waters with the Wisconsin DNR.

Jonathan Pyatskowit stated that Wisconsin DNR can not have an issue with the tags that are issued on the Menominee Reservation due to federal law.

### Next Meeting Agenda

Adoption of changes to by-laws  
Hunting Regulation Changes

## **7. Adjournment**

**Motion made by Darren Zhuckkahosee to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Kirk Menore. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstained, 0-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Briana Ninham, Recorder/Transcriber  
Recording Clerk, Menominee Tribal Chairman's Office.